



# SOYBEAN SCENE

NORTH CAROLINA SOYBEAN PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION

## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION BEGINS MARKETING CAMPAIGN

The American Soybean Association (ASA) and the North Carolina Soybean Producers Association are campaigning to raise awareness of soy policy and bring new members into the ASA. The campaign focuses on the message that what happens in Washington, DC impacts on the profitability of your soybean operation. Some of the most important decisions affecting your soybean operation are made by policy makers who have never set foot in a soybean field. If you believe soybean farmers need a voice in Washington, DC, then belong to the American Soybean Association (ASA.) The North Carolina Soybean Producers Association is the state affiliate of the ASA.

“A strong grassroots is important to continued success in looking out for soybean farmers” said Jimmy Thomas, membership chair of the N.C. Soybean Producers Association. “We need more ASA members from North Carolina to make our voice heard,” said Thomas.

in Duplin, Johnston and Sampson counties to spread the word about the benefits of a strong grassroots policy organization for soybean farmers. Individuals that recruit new members to ASA can become eligible for special recruiter incentives.

Individuals interested in belonging to the American Soybean Association can return the membership application on page 5 of this newsletter to the North Carolina Soybean Producers Association or register online at [www.soygrowers.com](http://www.soygrowers.com). For more information call 1-800-839-5775.

## Soybean Producers Launch New Website at NCSOY.ORG

The North Carolina Soybean Producers Association announced its new website in January 2008. In addition to a freshening up, the association’s presence on the web now includes up to date press releases and news items, a market news feed, and an improved events calendar.

The new design improves access to information on state association news and events, and provides a place for timely crop updates and market news. The newly designed site is available at [www.ncsoy.org](http://www.ncsoy.org)



As part of the effort, the North Carolina Soybean Producers Association is sponsoring educational events





Soybean Scene is an official communication of the North Carolina Soybean Producers Association, Inc., the Qualified State Soybean Board designated by the United States Department of Agriculture to administer the soybean check-off program in North Carolina. One-half of check-off funds collected in the state are invested in research, market development and producer communications projects to benefit North Carolina soybean producers. The remaining one-half of funding is remitted to the United Soybean Board (USB), whose 68 farmer-directors oversee soybean check-off investments on the national level.

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## James F. Wilder and Kenneth Bartlett Recognized for Meritorious Service at Annual Conference

The North Carolina Soybean Producers Association recognized two leaders in the soybean industry with its highest award for service at the annual conference awards banquet on January 17th. Kenneth Bartlett, a soybean producer from LaGrange, was recognized for volunteer service and work on boards including the state soybean association, the World Initiative for Soy in Human Health (WISHH) and beginning December 2007 on the United Soybean Board (USB). Former state soybean association executive James F. Wilder of Raleigh is well known for progressive leadership in agriculture during his 34 year career with the association. Bartlett and Wilder received their awards at the annual joint conference of the Small Grains, Corn and Soybean Associations.



Meritorious Service Award winners Kenneth Bartlett (left) and James F. Wilder

## Stanly County Couple Selected for ASA / DuPont Young Leader Program

Andrew and Ashley Burleson have been selected to represent North Carolina in the prestigious American Soybean Association / DuPont Young Leader Program for 2008. The Burleson's achievement was recognized at the Small Grains, Corn and Soybean Associations joint conference in January. Andrew and Ashley produce cotton, soybeans, corn and wheat together with Burleson family members. "We adapted no-till production to our operation to improve efficiency and we continually add grass waterways where needed to prevent erosion. We like an early canopy with 7 1/2 inch rows to reduce trips through the field," says Andrew.

The ASA / DuPont Young Leader Program has identified and trained prospective leaders for 25 years. The 2008 program includes events in Nashville, Tennessee and Johnston, Iowa.



From left: Randy Prouty from DuPont, Andrew Burleson, Ashley Burleson and Jacob Parker, NCSA president.

## Soybean Association Elects Board Members, Officers

The North Carolina Soybean Producers Association conducted its annual business meeting to elect directors and approve policy resolutions on January 17, 2008. The business meeting was conducted at the Joint Annual Conference of the Small Grains, Corn and Soybean Associations. Seven new directors were elected to seats on the board. Congratulations to: John Fleming (Scotland Neck), Matt Grissom (Henderson), Randy McCullen (Mt. Olive), Brian Stallings (Elizabeth City), Reginald Strickland (Mt. Olive), Sam Walton (Lumber Bridge) and Bryan Foster (Roper.) The new board members will each serve a three year term. Current board members Jeff Parks (Goldsboro) and Craig West (Fremont) were re-elected to serve additional terms.

The board elected officers for 2008. Re-appointed to a second one-year term are Jacob Parker (President), Bobby Joe Fisher (Vice President), Jimmy Thomas (Secretary) and James Fletcher (Treasurer.)



New North Carolina Soybean Producers Association directors (from left): Randy McCullen, Reginald Strickland, Sam Walton, John Fleming, and Matt Grissom. Not pictured are Bryan Foster and Brian Stallings.

## McDowell County Producer Wins Soybean Yield Contest

Winners of the 2007 Soybean Contest were announced January 17th at the Joint Annual Conference in Durham. Phillip Davis of McDowell County was recognized for the highest yield in the state in 2007. Davis submitted the winning entry of 85 bushels per acre. His county agent is Mario DeLuca. Davis and DeLuca win an expense-paid trip to Commodity Classic in Nashville, Tennessee. Second highest yield honors were awarded to Ray Rogerson of Pasquotank County for his entry of 79.9 bushels per acre. Rogerson's agent is Al Wood. Derek Potter of Pamlico County took third place in the yield contest with an entry of 75.2 Bu. per acre.

The 2007 winner in the most efficient yield contest is

Sutton Brothers, Inc. of LaGrange with a winning entry of \$2.25 bushels per acre. Sutton Brothers, Inc wins an expense paid trip to Commodity Classic in Nashville, Tennessee. Their agent is Kevin Johnson.



2007 soybean yield contest winner Phillip Davis of Old Fort with NCSU soybean specialist Jim Dunphy (left) and NCSU College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Dean Johnny Wynne (right.)

Other area winners in the 2007 soybean yield contest are:

Northern Piedmont: Matthews Family Farms (Yadkin Co.), 65.3 Bu/a

Northern Coastal Plains: Sutton Brothers (Wayne Co.), 64.2 Bu/a

Southern Coastal Plains: Dail Brothers (Duplin Co.), 57 Bu/a

Other area winners in the most efficient yield contest are:

Tidewater: Benjamin Simmons (Hyde Co.), \$2.35/Bu

Northern Piedmont: Johnson Farm Operations (Surry Co.), \$2.52/Bu

Southern Piedmont: Johnny & Brian Moore (Rowan Co.), \$2.74/Bu

Southern Coastal Plain: Dail Brothers (Duplin Co.), \$2.95/Bu

## Soybean Contest Summary

Yield Contest (submitted by Dr. James Dunphy)

25 Sixty Bushel / Acre Fields

9 different soybean varieties

5 were double cropped

Average row width was 14 inches

Average planting rate 147,000 seeds/A

Most Efficient Yield Contest

23 \$3.50 per Bushel Fields

17 different varieties

8 were double cropped

Average row width was 12.5 inches

Average planting rate 145,500 seeds/A.

# Membership Application

To join ASA, complete and return this application with payment to your state association.



If you believe, belong.

SAVE TIME & POSTAGE. JOIN ONLINE AT [www.SoyGrowers.com](http://www.SoyGrowers.com)

## Payment Information

I would like to belong to ASA for:  1 Year = \$50  3 Years = \$140  LIFETIME = \$500

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Make checks payable to North Carolina Soybean Producers Association

Credit Card:  MasterCard  VISA Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

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*ASA dues are not tax deductible as a charitable contribution for federal tax purposes, but may be deductible as a business expense.*

## Applicant Information (please print)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Farm / Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Address 2: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(required to receive weekly ASA newsletter)

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Male  Female   
Month Day Year

No. of Soybean Acres (circle): 0-99 100-250 251-499 500-999 1000-1999 2000+

Occupation:  Farmer  Retired Farmer Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you raise livestock? (circle all that apply) Cattle Dairy Hogs Poultry

Which Issues Interest You Most? (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Biodiesel	<input type="checkbox"/> Farm Bill	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation Infrastructure
<input type="checkbox"/> Trade Agreements	<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation & Stewardship	<input type="checkbox"/> Soybean Rust
<input type="checkbox"/> Biotechnology	<input type="checkbox"/> Food Aid	<input type="checkbox"/> International Marketing
<input type="checkbox"/> Soy and nutrition	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	

Mail Application with payment to:  
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## Agriculture Weighs In On Water Policy

As drought lingers across the Southeast, agriculture is beginning to pay attention to water use policy. Statewide regulations to provide for the beneficial use of water resources were incorporated into state law in 1967, but for many agricultural producers the thought that long-term access to water might be regulated was remote. This seems to be changing. The North Carolina Farm Bureau recently hosted a meeting of agricultural commodity leaders to discuss broad issues related to agricultural water use policy. The North Carolina Department of Agriculture hosted a similar meeting the prior week.

While agriculture is not a big water user statewide, agricultural producers can account for substantial water use at the county or local level. The message from the recent meetings seems to be that water allocation policy is under scrutiny and that agriculture should prepare to take its place at the table. In contrast to past experience, it is unlikely that water use policy will fade from the radar screen quickly once the current drought is alleviated. The agricultural community has been involved in planning in some hard-hit states. The state of Georgia is considering a state water plan that is supported by the Georgia Farm Bureau. The North Carolina Soybean Producers Association supports all efforts to bring the North Carolina agricultural community to the table with a common message on water policy.

## Association Awards Research Funds to N.C. State University

The North Carolina Soybean Producers Association recently awarded \$219,236 to North Carolina State University for soybean research and extension projects. The awards were announced by Floyd Peed, chair of the association's research committee. The awarded funds represent an investment of soybean checkoff dollars in practical soybean research. The awards support ten newly funded projects for 2008 and nine on-going projects approved in previous years. The projects are conducted by researchers and extension specialists in the Crop Science Department, Plant Pathology Department, and in Biological and Agricultural Engineering. The awards include an investigation into feeding soy diets to fish in aquaculture operations. Other projects include breeding soybean varieties adapted to North Carolina growing conditions, managing glyphosate-resistant weeds, managing soybean cyst nematode, and weed management in no-till organic soybean production. The awards include funding for on-farm demonstrations.

## Soybean Research Promising at Caswell Research Farm

The Caswell Farm research unit has the potential to be a "super station" for soybean research in the Southeast. According to USDA soybean specialist Tommy Carter, the Caswell farm has about 150 acres of crop land that is the most productive and uniform in the N.C. research station system. About 75 acres are currently used for soybean breeding programs. The Caswell Farm along with the Cunningham Research Station and the Lower Coastal Plain Tobacco Research Station represent the single biggest unit of plant breeding research in North Carolina. The General Assembly is preparing to examine a study of the research station system, due on May 1. The board of the North Carolina Soybean Producers Association has called for the preservation of the Caswell Farm and the Cunningham Research Station in recognition of the ideal conditions.

## Soy Foods Day at Nash School



Chief Alex Forde, left, serves soy tacos to fourth graders at Cedar Grove Elementary School in Nash County as part of an educational event focused on the importance of soybeans. The North Carolina Soybean Producers Association is visiting schools to educate fourth and fifth graders about soy. – image by The Nashville Graphic.

## Soybean Director on North-South Exchange

N.C. state soybean director Terry Blalock of Norwood, N.C. (second from left) attended the 2007 REAP tour sponsored by EMD Crop Science. Blalock was part of a group of southern soybean farmers that visited Wisconsin..



## Biodiesel a Top Fuel Choice for Farms

Visitors to the Southern Farm Show learned that soy biodiesel is an alternative fuel well suited to the farm. That was the message at the North Carolina Soybean Producers Association's biodiesel exhibit. Many North Carolina farms already use biodiesel at various blend levels with petroleum diesel. Soy biodiesel is a home-grown energy alternative with substantial benefits that works well in farm equipment.

Soy biodiesel made from U.S. soybeans is good for the environment and good for engines. Even at very low blend levels such as 2%, soy biodiesel can boost fuel lubricity by up to 66% to provide for longer engine life. Soy biodiesel can be used in any diesel engine without any noticeable change in performance. That is one reason why engine manufacturers such as Case IH, CAT, Cummins, General Motors, New Holland and others now warranty their equipment for biodiesel blends of B5 or higher.

Soybean farmers helped start the biodiesel industry in the United States and secured the important biodiesel tax credit. The soybean checkoff-funded National Biodiesel Board created the BQ-9000 certification program for biodiesel manufacturers and distributors to assure the highest fuel quality available to consumers. Biodiesel is a smart choice available for your farm or business. Call your petroleum distributor today to order biodiesel for your next fuel delivery.



Do something nice for your engine.

Hardworking diesel engines deserve a little appreciation. So treat yours to soy biodiesel — the fuel made from U.S. soybeans and created with the help of the soybean checkoff. For about the same price you're paying now, a 2 percent blend, called B2, can significantly reduce engine wear without sacrificing horsepower, torque or fuel consumption.

Ask your fuel supplier for high-quality soy biodiesel and visit [biodiesel.org](http://biodiesel.org).

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